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1. ALL MADRID NEWSPAPERS GAVE GENERALLY POSITIVE
FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO CARTER-MONDALE DEMOCRATIC
TICKET. CONSENSUS WAS THAT DEMOCRATIC WIN IN NOVEMBER
WAS PROBABLE.
QUOTES FOLLOW:

2. CATHOLIC-ORIENTED YA DECLARED THAT "JIMMY CARTER,
THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE THAT PROMISED 'DECENCY AND
EFFICIENCY' TO THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE...HAS PICKED
AS HIS RUNNING MATE ANOTHER FRESH FACED, WALTER MONDALE,
OF THE LIBERAL WING OF THE PARTY. WLATER MONDALE...
WITH A WELL-DESERVED REPUTATION AS CONSISTENT, SERIOUS,
HARD-WORKING LEGISLATOR INCLINED TOWARD SOCIAL CAUSES...
HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN INTELLECTUAL, POLITICAL,
JOURNALISTIC AND ELECTROAL CIRCLES WITH GREAT JOY AND
A SATISFACTION. THE NEW YORK CONVENTION HAS MARKED
A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SPIRIT AND DIRECTION THAT
THE AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS UNDERSAKEN--THE LACK
OF RANCOR BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW LEADERS OF THE PARTY.
THE SOLID SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM ESPOUSED BY CARTER,
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THE PROMINENT ROLE THAT BLACKS AND MINORITIES HAVE

BEEN ALLOWED TO PLAY, THE NEW ELECTORAL STRATEGY OF ACCEPTING A CANDIDATE FROM THE SOUTH AND THE SAME QUALITIES OF VISION OF LEADERSHIP OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, CARTER, TOGETHER REFLECT THE DYNAMIC PROGRESS OF THIS PARTY THAT HAS BEEN OUT OF POWER EIGHT YEARS..."

3. ABC'S LEAD EDITORIAL "THE FRUIT OF CIVIC VIRTUES" NOTES THAT THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE WHO ONLY A FEW MONTHS AGO "WAS A PERFECT UNKNOWN" HAS NOW BEEN "CATAPULTED TOWARDS SUCCESS BY MEANS OF HIS SINCERITY, GENEROSITY AND EFFORT IN CRITICAL MOMENTS FOR HIS COUNTRY STILL TWITCHING FROM THE RESULTS OF THE WATERGATE SCANDAL AND THE RESIGNATION OF NIXON... CARTER HAS ROOTED HIS CAMPAIGN IN THE CONSTANT EXERCISE OF CITIZEN VIRTUES THAT ALWAYS OUGHT TO ACCOMPANY POLITICIANS AND TIE HIM TO THE PEOPLE IN THE MOST DIRECT WAY."

4. LIBERAL EL PAIS REPORTED THAT "CARTER IN THE COURSE OF HIS...CAMPAIGN MORE THAN PROPOSING A GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAM, SOLD AN IMAGE AS A TRANQUIL, SINCERE, HONEST, HARD-WORKING, AND, ABOVE ALL, RELIGIOUS MAN. THERE'S MUCH THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, NOT ONLY WHEN THE CAMPAIGN BEGINS BUT ALSO IN CASE CARTER TAKES THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNTRY IN NOVEMBER, WHICH IS QUITE PROBABLE. THEREFORE, THE DEMOCRATS MUST NOW TUNE THEIR IDEAS AND COME ON OUT WITH CONCRETE PLANS, WHICH IS SOMETHING RATHER DIFFERENT THAN THE HAPPY SMILE OF JIMMY CARTER.

5. INFORMACIONES UNDER THE HEADLINES "THE INCARNATION OF THE GREAT AMERICAN DREAM," NOTES THAT "MR. CARTER WON'T HAVE TO MAKE GREAT EFFORT AT IMAGINATION TO APPEAR BEFORE THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE AND BEFORE AMERICA'S 'NATURAL' ALLIES AS THE HONEST AND EFFECTIVE DEFENDER OF 'FAIR PLAY.'"
"NOTHING IS MORE URGENT THAN THAT WASHINGTON...RECOVER ITS LEADERSHIP OF WORLDWIDE DEMOCRACY." ITEM. RYLANCE

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